



**STATE OF NEVADA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

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**Thursday, July 10, 2003
9:30 a.m.
Nevada State Legislature
401 South Carson Street, Room 3137
Carson City, Nevada 89701**

MINUTES

These minutes constitute a summary of the above proceedings of the Nevada Commission on Ethics.
A verbatim transcript of the open session proceedings, prepared by a certified court reporter,
is available for inspection at the Commission office.

Commission Members Present:

Todd Russell, Esq., Chairman; William Flangas, P.E., Vice Chairman
Jim Kosinski, Esq.; Rick Hsu, Esq.

Commission Members Present via Telephone:

Thomas R. Sheets, Esq.; Caren Jenkins, Esq.;
Lizzie R. Hatcher, Esq.; Merle Berman

Commission on Ethics Staff Present:

Stacy M. Jennings, Executive Director; Nancy Lee Varnum, Commission Counsel;
Beverly L. Amundson, Administrative Assistant

Others Present:

Renee Parker and Ronda Moore, Office of the Secretary of State

Chairman Todd Russell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 10, 2003.

Agenda Item 1 - Potential or Existing Litigation

In closed session, pursuant to NRS 241.015, subsection 2(b)(2), the Commission received information from Commission Counsel regarding potential or existing litigation involving matters over which the Commission has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power and deliberated toward a decision on the matter.

Agenda Item 2 - Potential or Existing Litigation

In open session, following the Commission's deliberations under Agenda Item No. 1, a motion was made by Commissioner Sheets and seconded by Commissioner Hatcher to instruct Commission Counsel to proceed with an appeal of the Judge Maddox decision. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 - Executive Director's Annual Report

In open session, the Executive Director presented an Annual Report pursuant to NAC 281.053, subsection 2. The annual report is at State Printing, and will be publicly distributed once publishing is complete.

Agenda Item 4 - Approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2003 Commission Meeting

In open session, the Commission discussed the minutes of the June 12, 2003 Commission meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Koskinski and seconded by Commissioner Berman to approve the minutes. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 - Annual Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

In open session, the Commission elected a chairman and vice chairman pursuant to NRS 281.461, subsection 1(a).

Two candidates were nominated for Chairman: Commissioner Sheets and Commissioner Flangas.

A role call vote was taken and Commissioner Sheets was elected by a vote of 6-2.

Commissioner Hsu was then nominated and unanimously elected Vice Chairman.

Agenda Item 6 - Open Session for Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Chairman Russell adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes transcribed by:

Minutes approved August 14, 2003.

_____/s/_____
Beverly L. Amundson
Administrative Assistant

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Thomas R. Sheets, Esq.
Chairman